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TITLE: BUFFER DEVICE FOR A WELDING WIRE AND WELDING UNIT

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 5, 2005, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2008, the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 9, 2009, and the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 11, 2009, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 citing WO 02/090034 discussed in the specification at page 18. A computer-generated translation of the specification and claims of WO 02/090034 is also being submitted herewith.

Because this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action in the

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated
into the official file of the present patent application.

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Form PTO-1449 with one (1) reference and computer-generated English translation

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